

Dear Senator Osteen, Representative Walker, ranking members Miner and France and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee:

My name is Barbara Wheeler. I live in Southbury.

I am testifying in support of the \$3.6 million included in the Governor's budget adjustment bill for the Department of Public Health to fund gun violence prevention programs.

While I am proud that Connecticut has strong gun safety laws, we still have a long way to go to protect our citizens from gun violence. Therefore, I urge the legislature to create an Office of Gun Violence Prevention in the Department of Public Health, and commit to more substantial future levels of funding.

Thank you for accepting my testimony today.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wheeler  
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